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# News Release



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## **Federal Agencies to Hold Public Meetings on Proposed Conservation Plan**

The National Marine Fisheries Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will hold a series of eight public meetings in late March and early April on a draft Environmental Impact Statement and Conservation Plan for forest practices in Washington. The draft plan, announced in the Federal Register on February 11, 2005, would apply to about 9.1 million acres of primarily non-Federal, non-tribal land in the state where federally listed populations of salmon and bull trout are found.

Representatives from the Federal agencies and from the state will be at the meetings to answer questions about the draft Environmental Impact Statement and Conservation Plan and to accept written comments.

The meetings will all be held from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., or until business is concluded, on the following dates:

March 28 at the Red Lion Hotel, Port Angeles  
March 29 at the Squalicum Boat House, Bellingham  
March 30 at the Sheraton Hotel, Seattle  
April 4 at the Red Lion Hotel, Kelso  
April 5 at the Gwinwood Christian Conference Grounds and Westwood  
Retreat Center, Olympia  
April 6 at the Red Lion Yakima Center, Yakima  
April 12 at the Double Tree Hotel, Spokane  
April 13 at the Ag and Trade Center, Colville

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